



FISH PACKER IS INDICTED

W. Vernon Booth, President of Booth & Co., in Meshes of the Law.

WILFULLY DEFRAUDED BANK

False Statements Made to Bolster up the Faltering Credit of the Firm and Keep the Creditors From Knowing the Truth.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—W. Vernon Booth, president of the A. Booth & Company, the so-called fish trust, which went into the hands of a receiver last September, and F. Robins, the former assistant treasurer of the company, were indicted today. They "with others to the grand jury unknown," are charged with entering into a conspiracy by which they secured "wilfully, maliciously and feloniously," the sum of \$300,000 from the Continental Bank of Chicago.

The liabilities of the firm are estimated at \$6,000,000, and the assets, unofficially, are estimated as low as \$3,000,000. Investigation of this feature is still progressing. Robins told a startling story of the false statements presented to the banks to bolster up the tottering credit of the firm. These statements, by reducing the figures, show the liability and increasing the assets, Robins said, were \$2,000,000 away from the true condition of affairs. The true condition of affairs was kept from the public for a month after the Continental was informed of conditions.

LABOR BILLS NOT POPULAR.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 27.—It seems likely that only one or two minor bills out of 13 presented to the legislature, recognized as labor bills, will be able to run the gamut of opposition here. Employers' liability bills, eight-hour bills for the benefit of women in laundries and restaurants, safety laws for regulation of railroads and factories, strict regulation of mines, all this character of legislation is being sidetracked in the rush which preceded adjournment. At the same time labor's friends will likely be able to kill a bill introduced by Senator Graves giving employers the right to contract with workmen as to the amount of damages to be recovered in case of death or injury. The bill provides that a workman should be paid no less than \$3000 in case of death by accident, and that \$1500 should be the limit in case of injury. This was the first contract law ever presented to the Washington legislature, and it has aroused considerable opposition.

PACIFIC COAST CUT OUT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—In reaching a complete agreement on the naval bill the Senate conferees receded from the amendment authorizing the President to keep half the navy on the Pacific Coast. The House opposed this provision on the ground that the President already had this authority and because it opposed the policy suggested by the amendment.

HAZING MAKES STUDENT INSANE

Ralph Bristol of University of Oregon the Victim of Brutal and Inhuman Fellow Students

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Ralph Bristol, a student of the University of Oregon is alleged to be violently and hopelessly insane as the result of hazing last winter which followed his tardy appearance at breakfast at the university where certain students, it is alleged, had agreed to haze all late comers. Bristol was forced into a tub of ice water and held there until

MURDERER CONFESSES.

ALBIA, La., Feb. 27.—John Junken, a negro charged with the murder of Clara Rosen, confessed tonight he killed the young woman at Ottumwa three weeks ago. He said he had no accomplices. Robbery was the motive. The stolen jewels and trinkets were found at the home of Frank Weaver at Ottumwa where Junken said they were. He was taken to Des Moines for safe keeping.

MAY BUY DELMONICO'S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Delmonico's famous restaurant at 44th street and Fifth avenue, may pass into new hands. Frank Archambault, a Broadway restaurant man, is the prospective purchaser of the business and a consummation of the deal awaits the return of Joseph A. Delmonico who owns the largest interest in the restaurant, from Europe. If the negotiations are concluded Delmonico will pass from the control of the family for the first time since it was founded 82 years ago by John and Peter Delmonico, who came to this country from Switzerland. It is understood that the offer for the property is approximately \$500,000.

OREGON WILL GET JUDGE.

Conference Committee Reaches An Agreement On Amendment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The conference commission on the Washington judicial bill reached an agreement this morning on the Senate amendment authorizing an additional judge for Oregon. The report will be made to the House some time today, and unless unexpected opposition develops the bill will be agreed to, giving an additional judge to both Oregon and Washington.

NAVAL RE-ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

ADVISES RE-DISTRIBUTION OF PRESENT BUREAU IN FIVE DIVISIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Roosevelt's commission on naval re-organization whose final report was made to Congress today. It outlines new departmental system which the President declares as sound, conservative and in full accord with American policy. It contemplates for the secretary a general council, a military council and a re-distribution of the duties of the present bureau in five divisions, chief of which are to be the assistant secretary, three flag officers and another flag officer, naval constructor or civilian with technical training. To finish the work of this commission another commission must eventually be designed to take up the proposed plan to complete details.

MAY PROVE INNOCENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The long fight of the negro soldiers of the 25th infantry for an opportunity to prove their innocence of "shooting up" Brownsville, Texas, on the night of August 13, 1906, was won today when the House, by a vote of 210 to 101, passed the Senate bill to that end. There were violent opposition from the Texas delegation and others. The general deficiency bill carrying \$17,500,000 was passed.

SWINDLING GANG ARRESTED

Made Immense Sums of Money Out of Fake Wrestling Matches

UNIVERSITY MAN IMPLICATED

Master Hands of the Business—One of Them After Swindling Man of Thousands Borrowed Money From Victim To Get Home On

DENVER, Feb. 27.—Ernest L. Powers, aged 29, is in Denver city jail charged with being one of the Maybray band of alleged swindlers. It is alleged he lured J. C. Bowman, formerly of Silverton, Colo., out of \$12,700 on a fake footrace at Council Bluffs, Iowa, last July. Powers was formerly a university of Denver football player.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 27.—It developed tonight that the grand jury returned indictments against two of the swindlers on December, 1907, on complaint of a Minnesota man, who admitted he lost \$10,000 on the result of a fake wrestling match.

County Attorney Hess swore out an information against the gang of alleged swindlers arrested with J. C. Maybray at Little Rock, Ark., but the details will be withheld from publication for the present. Additional details have come to light which indicate immense sums of money passed between them freely. At a local bank it was learned that as much as \$80,000 was deposited at one time, another draft of \$50,000 was presented to another bank where they refused to cash it and it will become necessary to clear the transaction through an Omaha bank.

New and highly interesting details of a transaction with J. J. Cavanaugh, show master capabilities with men whom he dealt.

W. H. Martin, the friend and alleged steerer, who the records show, enticed Cavanaugh into the alleged swindle, made his story so strong that after losing \$27,000 himself he let Martin have \$50 with which to get back to New Orleans.

REGULATIONS NOT CHANGED.

Nothing Out of the Ordinary Was Done In Appointing Sims.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—By way of tribute to signal service rendered by Commander Sims, the new commander of the battleship Minnesota, the President has sent a special memorandum on the subject to Secretary Newberry in which the President emphatically states the naval regulations have not been changed or amended in order to enable him to appoint Sims. The President simply desires before leaving the office to make practical recognition of Sims as really invaluable services during the past seven years in building up a system of gunnery in the United States navy which has enormously increased our fighting efficiency as a sea power.

GOVERNOR INDIGNANT.

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 27.—Governor Curry is indignant at the outcome of the statehood controversy at Washington. He is very much disappointed that the statehood is defeated. He says the people of New Mexico court the fullest investigation of the charges.

DONT SPIT LEAGUE.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 27.—"Don't spit when not necessary, spit carefully when you do spit, and try to make each spit the last spit."

This is the slogan of the "Don't Spit League," being organized among the army and navy forces at the navy yard and at the fort at this place, as a result of the "Ninety day campaign" being conducted by the national Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

INDEPENDENT LINE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—B. N. Baker, formerly president of the Atlantic Transport Company is in this city working with local shippers for the establishment of an independent line of steamships between this port and La Boca, Baker was interested in the proposition by H. S. Bates, who was sent East to procure aid for an independent line. The fact of Baker's presence in this city has been closely guarded but it is known that he has been making a close investigation of the shipping conditions on this coast.

NORMAL WILL FINISH.

Weston's Citizens Rally to Support School and Raise Money.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 27.—Weston's normal school will complete the present year, notwithstanding the action of the Legislature. This was made certain at a mass meeting of citizens held in the chapel of the institution last evening. The sum of \$1625 was secured on the spot, and a committee was appointed to secure funds and see that the school is able to keep in operation until June. This committee is comprised of George W. Proebstel, President R. C. French, Representative C. A. Barrett, R. Alexander, former president of the board of regents; G. M. Rice, a Pendleton banker, and I. M. Kemp. The chapel was jammed with citizens of Weston and other towns of the county, and the meeting was characterized by the greatest enthusiasm. The local Legislative delegation was invited, but none was present. An effort will be made to secure funds in Pendleton to assist in continuing the school.

COLONY BREAKS UP.

SPOKANE, Feb. 27.—The noted Alameda Co-operative Colony has ceased to exist. Organized here five years ago by Dr. David N. McInturff, mainly among the members of the People's United Church, which he had founded, the colony purchased 3000 acres of land near Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. The colony was to be operated along co-operative lines, with division of labor and community of ownership. It is now announced that Dr. McInturff has sold the big farm, given up the colony project and will devote his time to revival.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL PASSES SENATE

IT INCREASED ABOUT \$300,000 OVER AMOUNT CARRIED BY THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Senate today passed the rivers and harbors bill, carrying appropriations aggregating about \$9,700,000, an increase of about \$360,000 the amount carried by the House bill. All references to the development, ownership or leasing of water power by the Federal Government in navigable streams was stricken out, except as to leasing power in the St. Mary's river, Michigan. Senators Bacon, Teller, Lodge and others objected to incorporating in the bill authority to the Federal Government to dispose of and lease power in navigable streams.

CREATED DISAPPOINTMENT.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 27.—The outcome of the Statehood bill at Washington today created no little surprise and great disappointment here. While this result was feared, hoped has not been given up.

Is Not Surprised.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 27.—The defeat of the Statehood of Arizona at Washington today created little surprise here as it was understood there was no hope of securing the act this session.

KEW NOTHING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—W. E. Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, said today that he knew nothing of the reported efforts of the independents looking to a conference with the object of putting an end to the present rate war.

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNS

Filed His Resignation Yesterday to Take Effect at Midnight Today.

WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON

His Last Official Act Was to Appoint the State Highway Commission—Secretary Benson Will be Sworn in as Governor Tomorrow.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—Governor Chamberlain's resignation has been filed with his private secretary to take effect at midnight tomorrow. It is addressed to Secretary of State Benson, and reads as follows: "Honorable F. W. Benson, Secretary of State—My Dear Sir: I hereby tender you my resignation as Governor of this State, to take effect at midnight, the 28th day of February, 1909.

"I take occasion here to thank you and your whole office for the many courtesies I have received at your and their hands during our association together. Yours very sincerely,

"GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN."

The Governor will leave for Washington probably tomorrow night. In a recent telegram Jonathan Bourne urged the Governor to go to Washington in time to be sworn March 5, instead of March 15, as he had originally intended. Had he waited until the latter date he would have been at the bottom of the list when it came to the making of committee assignments.

The Governor left for Portland shortly before noon. He said goodbye to all the Capitol employes before leaving.

The incumbency of Mrs. B. Shelton, as governess of Oregon, will last from midnight tomorrow until Secretary of State Benson is sworn in Monday, a matter of a few hours only. Mrs. Shelton will then cease to be a figure in the Governor's office, as she will not be in Governor Benson's service.

To the State Highway Commission this morning Governor Chamberlain appointed the following seven men: A. H. Devers, Drake, C. O'Reilly and C. F. Switzer, Portland; George Putman, Medford; Julian Byrd, Burns; William Grimes, Marshfield; G. W. Baldwin, Klamath Falls.

MAKES FOREST RESERVE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt, at the request of Representative Humphrey of Washington, and with the approval of the chief forester, set aside today 450,000 acres in the Olympic Mountains, Washington, for scientific purposes. It was stated the action was preliminary to the establishment of a national park.

POPE INDISPOSED.

ROME, Feb. 27.—The Pope was indisposed today and was obliged to suspend further audiences. The attending physicians do not consider

BALDWIN VERY LOW.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—A telephone from the Baldwin ranch states that the aged millionaire's death is momentarily expected.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The rivers and harbors bill, carrying an appropriation of about \$9,700,000, passed the Senate today.

DO NOT ENTHUSE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—According to a cable to the Daily News the German reception of President Roosevelt's plan for an international conservation conference was received with marked indifference.

ACADEMY BILL REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Military Academy Appropriation bill was reported to the Senate today. It carries \$2,541,421, an addition of \$18,000 over the bill as it was passed by the House.

STILL FAST ON ROCKS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The revenue cutter Mohawk is still fast on the rocks. Fears that the hull would be torn on the rocks are dispelled.

ADMITS HIS IDENTITY.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 27.—Charles Clarke, the pal of train robbery Bill Miner was today identified by the Canadian officials and he admitted his identity. Clarke said he left Miner at Jamestown, N. D. Six months ago. Miner is en route for Wyoming, where Clarke states he intended to gather his old friends together and go to train robbing. Clarke refused to discuss Miner's escape from prison.

WEALTHY RANCHMAN SHOT.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 27.—While on the way from Ada, Okla., to his ranch tonight, A. A. Bobbitt, a wealthy ranchman and former United States marshal for Indian Territory, was shot from ambush and killed. Bobbitt was a prominent politician.

BLAST KILLS THREE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Three Italians were killed and three others are believed to be dying and several painfully injured by a belated explosion of blasting powder on a vacant lot in the Bronx today.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE FOR COLUMBIA

EIGHT FINE STEAM SCHOONERS WILL CONSTITUTE THE FLEET OF VESSELS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Through Oliver J. Olson, managing owner of the steam schooners belonging to Olson & Mahoney, who has been in Portland for the past few days, negotiations were concluded this morning for the inauguration of a new steam schooner line between the Columbia River and San Francisco whereby eight vessels will be kept in regular service. Interested in the venture with Olson & Mahoney will be Chas. R. McCormick, of San Francisco, and each will furnish four vessels for the line.

McCormick's craft are the Cascade, Yellowstone, Shasta and Yosemite, which will handle both freight and passengers, while those belonging to Olson & Mahoney will be the Jim Butler, J. Marhofer, Thomas L. Wand and Olson & Mahoney. On the up trip these will carry general merchandise, and the southbound cargo will be made up of wheat and lumber. When the line is established and in good running order there will be an average of two of the steamers going out of here every week.

The consolidation of these companies and their decision to add to the water transportation facilities between here and the Bay City is expected to prove of great benefit to local shippers, who are often handicapped for the want of adequate tonnage to take care of their traffic with anything like good dispatch. It is declared that it will mean more to them than the addition of several new freighters to the lines operated by the old-established companies. The aggregate capacity of the eight new coasters is in the neighborhood of 7000 tons.

When news reached San Francisco where Sharp lives, that Mr. Baldwin was in a desperate condition, his old-time friend concluded that the time for the fulfillment of the vow was drawing near and came immediately to Los Angeles. Baldwin and Sharp were intimate friends in the early days at Virginia City, when the bonanza kings were gathering together their millions there. Baldwin was lucky and when he left Virginia City to go to San Francisco, he had made his fortune. Sharp did not meet with the same success, and when he went to San Francisco it was to become a member of the city's police force in 1870. He and Baldwin continued close friends.

MAY WHEAT GOES SOARING UPWARD

The Leading Manufacturer is Said to Have Complete Control of the Situation

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The wheat market continued its record-breaking ascent today, May selling at \$1.19 and the July delivery at \$1.054 shortly after the session of the Board of Trade opened. The pit was in a ferment of excitement. The demand for May and July seemed unlimited, and in the rapid-fire of bidding the pit clerks had great difficulty in properly recording quotations. The nervousness of the market is indicated by

GOV. PATTERSON A WITNESS

Appears Defense in the Cooper Sharpe Murder Trial at Nashville

STATE DOES NOT EXAMINE

Discribed Colonel Cooper's Angry Mood and Claims to Have Got Him to Consent to Let Friends Arrange Peaceful Settlement.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 27.—Two features stood out today in the Cooper-Sharpe trial for the murder of Carmack. One was the calling by the defense of Governor Patterson, the other was the failure of the State to cross-examine him. The Governor testified twice, once before the court and again before the grand jury. In court he told how he was called over the telephone by Cooper's daughter, Mrs. Lucius Burch. What she told him he did not say. Whatever she said so impressed the Governor that he took his private secretary and began a three hours' search for the Colonel, ending at the Maxwell Hotel at noon where he found Cooper. He told of the conference there at which, besides himself, were present Colonel Cooper, Attorney James Bradford and Robin Cooper. He described the colonel as angry and told how he soothed the old soldier, and made him promise to let friends arrange a peaceful settlement. After the Governor had told his story to the court, Judge Hart listened to the arguments and decided that he need not repeat the conversation at the conference he attended, but might say what the result was and described the colonel's manner and demeanor. The State declined to cross examine but reserved the right to recall the Governor.

STAY BY DYING PARTNER.

Were Intimate Friends in the Early Days at Virginia City Mines.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—Waiting at Arcadia, hoping to get a word of farewell from the dying pioneer, is Abraham Sharp, 86 years of age, a sergeant of the San Francisco police force in 1893, and boon companion of "Lucky" Baldwin in the early days. Sergeant Sharp is waiting there because of a vow which he and Mr. Baldwin made many years ago. It was agreed that when the first of the two approached death, the other would hasten to his bedside. When news reached San Francisco where Sharp lives, that Mr. Baldwin was in a desperate condition, his old-time friend concluded that the time for the fulfillment of the vow was drawing near and came immediately to Los Angeles. Baldwin and Sharp were intimate friends in the early days at Virginia City, when the bonanza kings were gathering together their millions there. Baldwin was lucky and when he left Virginia City to go to San Francisco, he had made his fortune. Sharp did not meet with the same success, and when he went to San Francisco it was to become a member of the city's police force in 1870. He and Baldwin continued close friends.